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SUBJ: INDIA SENDS SPECIAL ENVOYS TO MUSLIM COUNTRIES

1. INDIA HAS HURRIEDLY DISPATCHED THREE MUSLIM MINISTERS OF STATE TO VISIT MUSLIM COUNTRIES, APPARENTLY TO EXPLAIN CURRENT EVENTS IN INDIA AND TO PRESS INDIA'S CANDIDACY FOR THE UNSECURITY COUNCIL. THE THREE ARE S. NURUL HASAN, WHO HAS INDEPENDENT CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE; SHAH NAWAZ KHAN, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION; AND MOHAMMED SHAFI QURESHI, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS. WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHO IS GOING WHERE EXCEPT THAT THE EGYPTIANS TELL US SHAH NAWAZ KHAN IS VISITING CAIRO, AND THE JULY 7 PRESS REPORTS THAT QURESHI HAS GONE TO DUBAI AND NOW BAHRAIN.

2. A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO CONFIRMED THE DISPATCH OF THE MINISTERS DECLINED TO SAY WHAT THEY WOULD DISCUSS. HE NOTED THAT SOME OF THEM WOULD BE DOING SEVERAL JOBS -- THE ONE GOING TO SAUDI ARABIA, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL DISCUSS PLANS FOR INDIA MAKING THE HAJ. THE EGYPTIANS UNDERSTAND THAT THE PURPOSE IS TO EXPLAIN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA. WE WOULD GUESS THAT THE VISITS MAY BE SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE DECISION ANNOUNCED JULY 4 TO BAN THE JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI ALONG WITH THE MILITANT HINDU ORGANIZATIONS THE RSS AND THE ANANDA MARG. (THE PURPOSE OF THE ACTION WAS TO GET RID OF THE RSS AND ANANDA MARG, WHICH THE GOI HAS ACCUSED OF PLANNING VIOLENCE; THE JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI WAS APPARENTLY INCLUDED TO "BALANCE" THE ACTION AND AVOID TOO STRONG A REACTION FROM NON-RSS AND ANANDA MARG HINDUS.) INDIA PRESUMABLY HAS A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN EXPLAINING ITS ACTIONS TO MUSLIM COUNTRIES IN VIEW OF ITS CANDIDACY FOR THE US SECURITY COUNCIL IN COMPETITION WITH PAKISTAN.

3. ACCORDING TO THE JOINT SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AMERICA DIVISION, J.S. TEJA, THE SECURITY COUNCIL CANDIDACY IS THE MAIN REASON FOR THE VISITS. TEJA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT "OF COURSE" THE JAMAAT-I-ISLAMI HAD "GOOD FRIENDS" AMONG THE ARAB COUNTRIES (SAUDI ARABIA, FOR EXAMPLE.)
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